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Rep. Amanda Stuck Completes Regional Leadership Institute

MADISON – Rep. Amanda Stuck was among 35 lawmakers selected to complete a leadership training program that identifies and assists emerging state and provincial legislative leaders in the Midwest.

"I was proud and honored to be chosen as one of 3 Wisconsin Legislators to participate in the BILLD program this year," said Rep. Stuck. "This was a great opportunity to learn more the skills necessary to be an effective legislator in Madison and an effective representative of my constituents in the 57th Assembly District. I look forward to putting this new information and skills to use when the Assembly returns to session later this month."

Rep. Stuck met with fellow lawmakers from Wisconsin, 10 other Midwestern states and two Canadian provinces at the end of August in Madison, WI for The Council on State Governments' 21st annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD).

"The Boyhay Institute is one of the premier leadership training programs in the nation." Says Indiana Representative Ed Clere, who serves as co-chair of the institute's steering committee. "The legislatures in the region have benefitted greatly from the skills their members have gained through this unique educational experience. Many of the graduates now hold leadership positions in their states."

Legislators from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Ontario were chosen to participate through a competitive, nonpartisan selection process.

BILLD was founded in 1995 to help new legislators meet the demands of federal devolution and, in many states, term limits. These two emerging forces have highlighted the shortage of training available for legislators, a void that BILLD aims to fill.

A program of The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office, BILLD is held in partnership with the University of Wisconsin's Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs. Courses and seminars are conducted by La Follette faculty, Midwestern legislative leaders and professional development experts. In addition to courses designed to develop leadership skills, the program analyzes a variety of public policy issues, including corrections and the regional economy.

The program is funded through grants from foundation and corporate sponsors and an in-kind contribution provided by The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office.

The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development is named in honor of the late James Bowhay, longtime director of The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office. Founded in 1933, the Council of State Governments has national headquarters in Lexington, KY, and regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago, New York City and Sacramento, CA. The goal of the national, nonpartisan organization is to assist and advance state government.